Commission paid to advertising agencies

*326. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the present rate of commission being paid to advertising agencies for providing advertisements to Doordarshan and AIR;

(b) whether the Public Accounts Committee in its report for 1991-92 had recommended that the rate of commission should be lower than fifteen per cent;

(c) if so, whether the advice has been accepted; if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the amount pending realization as on date from various advertising agencies; and

(e) the amount of money earned by Doordarshan and AIR through direct booking of advertisements by the advertisers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Fifteen per cent.

(b) and (c) The Public Accounts Committee in its Report for 1991-92 on Doordarshan Commercial Service suggested, *inter-alia*, that payment of agency commission at 15 per cent needs to be reviewed. The Committee suggested that substitution of the existing flat rate of commission by a graded structure, wherein the rate of commission is directly related to the volume of business brought in by the individual agencies, might be considered. This suggestion is under examination.

(d) All India Radio:— Rs. 48 lakhs
Doordarshan:—Rs. 18.67 crore.

(e) All India Radio:—Rs. 2.39 crores
Doordarshan:—Rs. 18.67 crore.

Discovery of Uranium in Uttar Pradesh

*327. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Uranium has been discovered in Sorai, District Lalitpur of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps taken for mining of Uranium and the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Atomic Minerals Division (AMD) of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) is investigating the uranium occurrence to assess its economic viability. Decision on mining the deposit can be taken only after completing the investigations and evaluating the results.

Golden Handshake Scheme for employees of the Central Public Sector Undertakings

*328. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalized the Golden Handshake Scheme for employees of the Central Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme and the terminal benefits proposed to be given;

(c) the number of employees who are likely to be found surplus in each Public Sector Undertaking and the expenditure likely to be incurred in the implementation of the scheme;

(d) the amount of loss suffered by each of these undertakings during the last three years;

(e) what steps Government have taken to improve the working of these undertakings; and

(f) what is the reaction of trade unions connected with such employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND